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Special Investigation Unit

Boston Police

What Is Box 911?

Post Office Box 911, Back Bay Postal Annex, Boston, Mass. 02117 has been acquired by the Boston Police Department so that citizens and members of the Department may report complaints and observations of Police personnel who engage in corruption, or conditions which may be potential sources of corruption.

Information received in Box 911 will be acted upon whether it is signed or unsigned.

Citizens and police personnel who wish to sign their letters are assured that their identities will remain secret.

Maintaining the honor and integrity of the Police Department is *everyone's* responsibility.



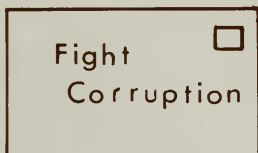
What Is the Special Investigation Unit?

It is an investigative unit of the Boston Police Department assigned to eliminate corruption within the Department and to eliminate those conditions which are potential sources of corruption.

Who Are Members of the S.I.U.?

The S.I.U. is composed of Boston Police personnel of various ranks who have:

1. Volunteered for service in the S.I.U.
2. Volunteered to submit to a lie detector examination upon the demand of their supervisor or the Police Commissioner
3. Volunteered to submit a personal financial statement upon demand of their supervisor or the Police Commissioner



The S.I.U. needs your help to maintain the honor and integrity of the Boston Police Department.

What Is Police Corruption?

The offer of a gift, reward, gratuity, or other favor, either expressed or implied, to any employee of the Boston Police Department, by a person, group, corporation, or other, and the acceptance, either expressed or implied, of that gift, reward, gratuity, or favor, by said employee, for action or inaction which may be:

- MALFEASANCE:** wrongful or illegal conduct
- MISFEASANCE:** lawful action done in an illegal or improper manner
- NONFEASANCE:** refusing or neglecting to do a legal act in a legal manner, while acting in an official capacity as a member, sworn or civilian, of the Boston Police Department

—or—

The request, either expressed or implied, by any employee of the Boston Police Department, sworn or civilian, for any gift, reward, gratuity or other favor, from another person, group, corporation, or other, in return for any action or inaction by said employee, which may influence or appear to influence said employee in the performance of his/her official duties.

The S.I.U. and the Police Officer

Police Officers should ask themselves the following kinds of questions:

1. Can I make a lawful arrest for any crime committed in my work area?

2. What are the chances of criminals being "Tipped Off" prior to a police operation?

3. Will all my prisoners be booked and held for proper action?

4. Are there notorious persons in my work area who have immunity from lawful police operations?

If your answer is "Yes" to one or more of these questions, the S.I.U. will help you in these and similar situations—and in a confidential manner.



**Help us - help you -
to get your job done**

A Message from the Commissioner

Most police officers are reluctant to discuss corruption -- or even to acknowledge it as a problem worthy of discussion.

The corruption scandal which can arise in virtually any police department at virtually any time causes damage far out of proportion to its importance. The damage done to a police department by public disclosure of even a little bit of corruption is greater than that caused by dishonesty elsewhere in society.

Disclosures of corruption have a terrible effect on the police organization, causing public disrepute, low morale, organizational disruption, and a host of problems from which police departments recover only very slowly.

Dishonesty goes to the heart of the police power. A dishonest cop cannot be a good cop. The organization which tolerates dishonesty cannot be doing other things well. Monetary corruption in other professions can exist without destroying the practice of those professions. The corrupt doctor does not call into question the practice of medicine, but police corruption does call into question the law.

I for one am glad to be judged by a standard higher than that which is used to evaluate everybody else. I believe the higher standard is a reflection of a public intuition that the police power is a unique power.

And police power is unique. No one in our society -- not the doctor, not the judge, and certainly not the police commissioner -- has as much power as the individual patrol officer working alone or with a partner, whether in a car or on foot.

Given that fact, it does not seem to me inappropriate that we should be held to higher standards of integrity than those applied to others.

It is for these reasons that the S.I.U. exists. And it is for these reasons that we need your help in rooting out any misuse of police power in our Department.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. diGrazia', with a stylized, flowing script.

Robert J. diGrazia